

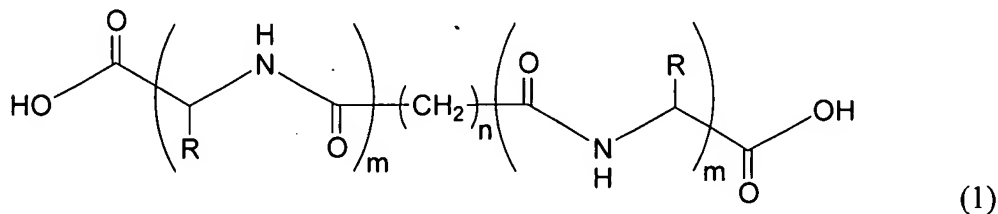
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled)

14. (New) A spherical microcapsule comprising:

(i) a fine spherical body having a nearly spherical shape with a particle diameter of from 5 μm to 15 μm which comprises a compound represented by the following formula (1):



wherein R represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, n is an integer of 8 to 20, and m is an integer of 1 to 3; and

(ii) a hydrophilic core substance encapsulated inside the fine spherical body, wherein the microcapsule has a hydrophilic surface comprising COOH moieties, wherein the microcapsule has a uniform molecular orientation, evenly oriented in a radial pattern from a center, and a concentric molecular orientation having point disclination, and wherein, when observed using a fluorescent microscope, the microcapsule emits fluorescence owing to pyranine as the inclusion compound.